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APPLICANT:

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BRAIDED INTRAVASCULAR DEVICE

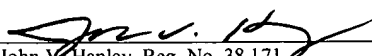
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the election/restriction dated May 4, 2006, the Examiner stated that the present application "contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: one of the configurations of filaments disclosed on page 14, lines 15-20 of the present application, e.g. the filament having a solid circular cross-section. The species are independently distinct because the species are not connected in design."

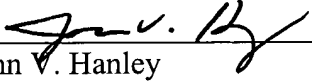
In response thereto, Applicants elect to pursue the portion of the disclosure on page 14, lines 15-20 which is directed towards a filament which can be formed from a small diameter tube. In making this election, Applicants respectfully submit each of pending claims 1, 6, 8, 15 and 43-49 are readable on the elected subject matter. Significantly, forming the filament from a small diameter tube does not exclude it being configured into a coil along its length nor the filament defining a variable cross-sectional profile. Moreover, such a filament can additionally

be formed to have ends which are joined in a middle portion of a device, one that is self-expanding and can be reduced to less than 10% of its expanded diameter as well as include endless reversals of direction which function to enhance hoop strength. Furthermore, such a device can also include loops having a generally constant radius of curvature, reversals embodying a full-turn helical configuration as well as ends joined together by a sleeve.

Therefore, it is believed that each of pending claims 1, 6, 8, 15 and 43-49 can be further considered in view of the present election.

Respectfully submitted,

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